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Governor Haslam launches the statewide “Healthier Tennessee Initiative”.

<http://news.tn.gov/node/11148>

The Governor was in Jackson, TN to announce the creation of the Governor’s Foundation for Health and Wellness and the appointment of Rick Johnson as the Executive Director.

As of September 25, 2013, over \$12.5 million have been raised, with over 50% of that amount being private section funding. The Foundation website is currently under construction and will be up shortly.

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Chattanooga Park Stewards:

<http://www.chattanooga.gov/public-works/parks/volunteer>

Governor Haslam announces the 56<sup>th</sup> Tennessee State Park at Legacy Parks Foundation luncheon.

<https://news.tn.gov/node/11394>

The Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge is a Knox County wildlife sanctuary that is currently managed by the Seven Islands Foundation and Knox County Parks and Recreation. The county will transfer the 360-acre property to the state over the coming months and Tennessee State Parks will begin managing the site in July, 2014.

Check out this program to see all the great projects this partnership project has accomplished using volunteers.

For all the latest events, see their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChattanoogaParkStewards>

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American Hiking Society, National Trails Fund Applications

<http://www.americanhiking.org/gear-resources/grant-opportunities/>

Your hiking trail organization MUST be a member of the Alliance of Hiking Organization! Currently there are only eight trail organizations in the state that are members of the Alliance.

This is a privately funded grant program and grants range from \$500 to \$5,000. Grant funds must be used to fund a part of a specific trail project. Funding is provided by MSR, L. L. Bean and Therm-A-Rest

For more information on the grant program:

<http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-fund-guidelines-3/>

Grant application deadline is December 13, 2013.

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U. S. Access Board, on September 26, 2013, releases the FINAL guidelines for the Architectural Barrier Act (ABA) which applies to federal agencies and projects developed with federal funds including the Recreational Trails Program. These guidelines will go into effect on November 25, 2013.

For more information and details about the October 17, 2013 webinar, visit:

<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/accessible/Access-Board-Guidelines-9-2013.html>

*National Recreation Trail Nominations*  
due November 1<sup>st</sup>

<http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/ApplyNRT.html>

Join the Wolf River Greenway (designated in 2012) and the 31 other trails across the state of Tennessee who have received National Recreation Trail status. One application is for the U.S. Department of Agriculture areas (National Forests) and the other is for other federal, state or local agencies.

The online application process is easy, <http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/>

[previewapp.html](http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/previewapp.html) and a letter of support from the RTP Trails Administrator is needed for the application. Contact [Robert.richards@tn.gov](mailto:Robert.richards@tn.gov) if you need more information.

Additional information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be released in the future.

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